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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Retirement Information Seminars

Mr. [ ] and I discussed Colonel White's note and propose to "audit" the first running of the course, sharing the load three ways with Mr. [ ]. We also speculated on the significance of Colonel White's note on the seminar leader. I called Mr. Wattles and asked that he consider whether the best seminar leader can be found within the Agency or outside, even though the latter might require expenditure of funds. Mr. Wattles agreed to consider and report back, but gave his immediate reaction that Dr. [ ] should be the leader as now planned. He pointed out that any outsider would be under the serious disability of not knowing the Agency and its problems, thereby being unable to identify himself as knowledgeable as Dr. [ ].

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I asked Colonel White if his note indicated an objection to having Ken [ ] act as seminar leader. He first said yes, then, as we discussed the subject, he said that he did not believe someone like Dr. [ ] should lead any of the conference sessions. Instead, Colonel White believes that we should get "authorities" in the particular fields to lead the discussion of any of the substantive subjects. I told him that we would review the qualifications of the men designated to discuss the specific subjects to be sure that we had top flight talent. I told him also that we (at least Mr. [ ] and I) intended to audit the first running of the seminar.